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Dear FCC Committee:

My name is William Bales and I am a recent Graduate of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. During my time at University I had to find a phone provider that was of high quality and within my college budget. I looked all around a different phone providers in my area, but every provider was too expensive. I then walked into a T-Mobile shop, not only did they have service in my price range, but they also had 3G, and now 4G in my area where AT&T hasn't even provided 3G, until recently, yet still lacks 4G speeds.

T-Mobile is an innovator, they where the first to bring Android to the United States and now has the largest 4G network. Currently T-Mobile has the BEST lineup of Android phones in the market, and they let the users download any app on it. Instead of locking it down like AT&T has been known of doing. This lets me download the Amazon Appstore (not available on AT&T because of a centralization issue they have.)

Now it is said by AT&T that a bigger network is better for the American People, but this is a typical AT&T public relations case. Back when AT&T was in the courts in the 1950' s AT&T said that the Hush-a-phone was not good for the industry and that AT&T would make it available if was something that the people wanted. But the truth is, the people wanted it, because people bought it. Today people want an unfiltered Android experience, that is why people are buying it on Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile. I can just say, I would be deeply sadden if T-mobile was acquired by AT&T. The most open phone network in the United States would be consumed by the most closed.

Thank you for your time,

William Bales